

GAU 165/

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE
ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
20231, ON MARCH 14, 2000



Thomas S. Deibert
THOMAS S. DEIBERT, REG. NO. 40,984
AGENT/ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT

March 14, 2000
DATE

RECEIVED
MAR 24 2000
TC 1600 MAIL ROOM

Attorney Docket No. **P31353-D1**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hodgson, et al
Serial No.: 09/302,024
Filed: April 29, 1999

Group Art Unit No.: 1652
Examiner: Kerr, K.

For: Novel tRNA Synthetase

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED
MAR 23 2000
TC 1600 MAIL ROOM

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
and
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Response to Election Requirement and Preliminary Amendment (hereinafter referred to as "Response & Amendment") is responsive to the Office Communication dated February 18, 2000 (Paper No. 7) (herein referred to as "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response & Amendment.

This Response & Amendment is believed timely filed. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed, Applicant hereby requests a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.¹

¹ If an Extension of Time, is deemed necessary, please consider this paper a Petition for such an Extension